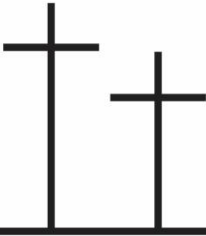


LIGHT OF THE
WORLD

May 11-12, 2024

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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1st Weekend after

Ascension

VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty this weekend or any of the ushers or pastors. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe or visit our website, ImmanuelMankato.org.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *TLH 512:1-5 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of

God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen!

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 119:17-24

P: Deal bountifully with Your servant,

C: That I may live and keep Your word.

P: Open my eyes, that I may see

C: Wondrous things from Your law.

P: I am a stranger in the earth;

C: Do not hide Your commandments from me.

P: My soul breaks with longing

C: For Your judgments at all times.

P: You rebuke the proud-- the cursed,

C: Who stray from Your commandments.

P: Remove from me reproach and contempt,

C: For I have kept Your testimonies.

P: Princes also sit and speak against me,

C: But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

P: Your testimonies also are my delight

C: And my counselors.

P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria

Tune: LSB 820

♪ All glory, praise, and blessing
to God the holy Trinity,
For planting and sustaining
our faith in Him who sets us free,
On whom our trust is founded,
our house built on a rock,
Our life by grace surrounded,
our Shepherd's precious flock,
Dear children to Him clinging,
who welcomed once again,
Join saints and angels singing,
'Amen, Amen, Amen!'

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty, everlasting God, work in each of us a devout will toward You and to serve Your majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. **2** Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. **3** Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. **4** Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the

people. **5** Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,
And nations who do not know you shall run to you,
Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of
Israel; For He has glorified you." **6** Seek the LORD while
He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. **7** Let
the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his
thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have
mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly
pardon. **8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are
your ways My ways," says the LORD. **9** "For as the heavens
are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your
ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. **10** "For as the
rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not
return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth
and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to
the eater, **11** So shall My word be that goes forth from My
mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall
accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing
for which I sent it. **12** "For you shall go out with joy, And be
led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break
forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands. **13** Instead of the thorn shall come
up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up
the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is
destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made
with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan,
earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is
from heaven, **3** if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not
be found naked. **4** For we who are in this tent groan, being
burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but

further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. **6** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. **9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermon

This Little Light of Mine

Hymn of the Day

TLH 277 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Sermon*John 8:12-20*

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." **13** The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true." **14** Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. **15** "You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. **16** "And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. **17** "It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. **18** "I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." **19** Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." **20** These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

"I Am the Light"

1. To Guide Your Way
2. Proven by Corroborating Witnesses

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory*TLH p12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Sermon Hymn*TLH 421 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"***Offering of Thankful Hearts**

The General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Saturday Closing Hymn

TLH 53:1-3 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Sunday Closing Hymn

1. Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;
In works of her hands she excels.
A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;
In service to others, she gives of herself.

refrain (sung by ensemble)

She will be called blessed By her sons and her daughters;

Precious to the Father Are those who seek His ways.

She will be called blessed, Help above ev'ry other;

Blessed is the mother Who turns to God in praise.

Interval *At this time all children high school age and younger are invited to
come forward and gather flowers from the altar to share with the women of the
congregation. Please ensure that every adult woman gets a flower.*

2. She rises each morning to see her household;
 She looks toward the future with joy.
 She teaches her children true lessons of kindness
 And shares with them wisdom the world can't destroy.

refrain x2 (sung by congregation)

She will be called bless-ed, by her sons and her
 daugh-ters; pre - cious to the Fa - ther are
 those who seek His ways. She will be called
 bless-ed, help a - bove ev'-ry oth-er; bless - ed is the
 moth - er who turns to God in praise.

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LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 5/4: **35**
 Ascension Day: **108**

Sunday Worship 5/5: **221**
 Sunday Bible Class: **42**
 Sunday School: **12**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Blue Earth Jail (Men's)	Yes	6:00 PM	1 st , 3 rd Sunday	Study	12
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	7
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	21
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Pond's View	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	14
Old Main	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	8
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	4
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	24
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					104
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat May 11	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun May 12	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
		Happy Mother's Day!
Mon May 13		Blessings on your week!
Tues May 14	6:30p	Board of Deacons Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:30p	Board of Finance Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed May 15	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	5:00p	Catechism Class
Thur May 16	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri May 17	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
		Last Day of School

	6:00	Graduation Service
Sat May 18	6:00p	WORSHIP, 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun May 19	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP 3 rd Sunday Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

ILHS Graduation- May 17th 6pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATION AT IMMANUEL is very important to the ministry that God has entrusted to us all. To keep those lines of communication open, email groups have been created so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns to the appropriate leaders and boards at Immanuel. To communicate with any of the groups below, simply address an email to the corresponding email address and it will be sent to the entire group.

Board of Education: Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Deacons: Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Property: Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Finance: Board-of-Finance@ImmanuelMankato.org

Church Council: Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

POTLUCK SIGN UP Pastor Mayhew's Installation (and family welcome) potluck on May 25th needs volunteers! Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up for what you would like to bring. Indicate on the sheet by your name if you will be bringing an entree, side, or dessert. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer to help with set up, serving or clean up, or need more information please contact Donnell Olmanson at donnell961@gmail.com or 507-351-4532.

OPEN HOUSE INVITES Come celebrate with our graduates!

Alex Matzke Friday, May 17th 6:30p Immanuel Church Basement

Ginny Strand Saturday, May 18th 2-5pm 327 N Redwood Drive Mankato

Jacob Olmanson Saturday, May 18th 4:30-7:30pm 237 W Skyline Ct Mankato

Lydia Schmid Sunday, May 19th 11:30-3:30pm Sibley Park Pavilion

Jaxon Libby Sunday, May 26th 1-4:00pm 136 Waynesborough Way Mankato

Addi Miller Saturday, June 8 12-3:00pm 17997 US Hwy 169 Garden City

RIVERFRONT DRIVE CONSTRUCTION is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 13. The city of Mankato is directing drivers to a detour onto Second Street. Please be prepared for this extra traffic near Immanuel Lutheran Church and School and drive safely this summer!

THANK YOU Thank you to all who attended Banquet and the Encore/60th Celebration on Sunday. We greatly appreciate the support!
Thank you, The Junior Class of ILS

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHER RETIREMENTS Dan Barthels After 44 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry of Christ's lambs, Dan Barthels will be retiring at the end of this present school year. His retirement party will take place at Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI on Sunday June 30 right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. You are welcome to join us. Please let us know of your plans by June 15 by contacting Pastor Wilke at 989-220-1266 or mikedwilke@gmail.com.

Ann Sprengeler The congregation at Faith is planning a surprise retirement party for Ann Sprengeler at 12:30 on Sunday May 19. There will be food and singing and other things. Everyone is invited. Any questions should be directed to Rebecca Lillo @ beccaday@gmail.com.

Quinn Sprengler This year will mark 41 years in the teaching ministry and 20 years at Redemption Lutheran School. A lifetime of service to the Lord and His flock for which we are all extremely grateful! The church is planning a farewell celebration on June 9th after our 11:30 service. They would like to open it up to anyone in the CLC. If you, or your members are interested in attending, please let me know by the end of the month. If someone isn't able to attend, but would like to pass along a word of encouragement or thanks to Quinn, they can send that to me at jonaalbr@gmail.com. Thank you.

BRANCHES SUBMISSIONS "The Branches" is a Christian women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC. Subscriptions are available for the 2024-2025 subscription year (July through June). The Branches staff prays that, through this publication, we serve:

- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING
April 22, 2024

In membership matters, accepted by confession of faith were: Josh and Rebecca Wakefield with baptized daughter Norah; Linnea Saleg with baptized son Chet Bresser; Bailey and Josie Reichel with baptized daughter Eleanor; and Lisa Carroll. Transferred from Grace of Sleepy Eye, MN (effective 5/25) Pastor Nathanael and Debra Mayhew with communicant children Daniel, Julia and Mark and baptized son Noah. Released per their requests Megan (Westermayer) Dehmer; and Ross and Jacquelyn Libby with children Chauncey, Fin and Grayson.

The Treasurer's Report showed we received \$158,798 in general plate offering which is 84% of our budgeted amount of \$188,414. Total income was \$198,135 which is 86% of the \$229,458 budget. Tuition was \$38,936 which is 95% of the \$40,784 budget. Expenses were \$229,393 which is 95% of the \$241,883 budget.

The Financial Secretary reported that \$75,000 of our General Saving Account will be invested in 5-month CDs.

The Board of Deacons reported that Pastor Mayhew will be installed on May 25 at 4pm. His salary will start on June 1. He has a planned vacation at the beginning of June. The Elder team has met to call uninvolved members. The outreach committee is planning a number of events (movie night, ice cream social, parades in St. Peter and North Mankato, Night to Unite). There is a group of members in Brainerd that are regularly meeting together.

The Board of Property reported that the new phone system was installed, and most of the interior lights were replaced with LEDs.

The Board of Education reported that Debra Mayhew was called for music and Holly Harris and Deedra Macias have received renewed calls for 2024-2025. We will not be participating in the Minnesota State High School League for Basketball in 2024-2025. The new history curriculum was approved. The board is working on a Mission and Purpose statement for the school.

The Cemetery Board reported that they signed a mowing contract with a new person this year.

The Prairie Ad Hoc Committee reported that they have a mission statement, and are looking at the current zoning.

The Committee of the Congregation reported that they have not been meeting while we have only one pastor. Prior to pausing they had frozen the list of questions they will consider and will now work on passages and application.

Up to 27 round tables with racks were accepted.

The 2020 Sanctuary Improvement project was marked complete and the remaining funds transferred to the Major Improvement Fund.

The meeting was adjourned.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Wyatt Lien

GREETERS (*Sat*) Joel & Elijah Enter (*Sun*) Rebecca Breedlove & Annie Survis

COUNTERS Leif & Karla Olmanson

USHERS Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Logan Greve, Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Alex Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Jacob Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Daryl Pischner, Mike Schweim, Brent Schreyer

Serving Us Next Weekend

LEADER Mr. Russ Schmitt

DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Joe Furst (*Sun.*) Alex Schmitt

GREETERS (*Sun*) Joel & Deidre Macias

USHERS Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien, Kevin Rykhus, Matthew Kranz